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I believe the proposed settlement does adequately punish past MS transgressions or prevent future ones.

Three things in particular bug me:

1. MS claim to the right to withhold API information in the interest of security. Anyone who knows anything about computer security will tell you that protocol secrecy is the worst way to try to get it. This looks like just another way for MS to keep critical information out of the hands of competitors.
2. The oversight system looks very poor. I'm sure there are people other than MS who would agree to feed and house these people.
3. There is no reason to put an upper limit on the time to correct things. The problem is ongoing.

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GNU GPL: "The Source will be with you... always."